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Dear Sir,

The season for "giving extensions" has come and the Govt. are busy making recommendations. The Dewan does not interefere, people say, with the decision of the Councillors in this respect so long as they do not oppose him in matters concerning his Economic Conference and the Mysore University. In giving extensions the moral aspect is generally ignored. This certainly sours the feelings of a good many, if undue extensions are given. It would be much more desirable to retire everyone at 55 than allow favouritism to have free play. Every one must admit that specialists, whose services are valuable, may be allowed to continue if they are fit. But to allow an officer to continue notwithstanding his many defects, transparent to the public eye, is to bring the Govt. into disrepute. The rumoured extensions are being freely talked about. No one will grudge the extension recommended for Mr. Yates, who is known to be proficient in his art, untiring in his work, and a model for sense of duty, except his immediate subordinate who may be sorry for not having been allowed to step into his shoes immediately. That recommended for Dr. Armugam, people seem to take in all right. But the 2nd. extension recommended for Mr. Shama Rao the I.G. of Education, and the 4th extension recommended for his erstwhile Deputy, Mr. C. Krishna Rao will, in the opinion of the people, prove a curse to the country, especially after the retirement of Mr. B.S.Krishnaswamy Iyengar, Dt. & Sessions Judge, who has had only one years' extension, but who has still abundance of energy in him as is evidenced by his playing tennis for hours together. He was known to be a straightforward person, doing his duty to the very best of his ability, but his defect was that he did not wear a collar and did not take a shave every day. Mr. M. Shama Rao is very well known for stupid speeches at Public Meetings, has earned the title of a liar from the people and exercises his patronage so as to make the Dept. exceedingly discontented. He has absolutely no patriotism except in so far as to favour his own relatives and friends much to the detriment of those to whom promotion is justly due. Except the small circle of friends about him of whom the grand old man of Mysore is one, there is no one who has one good word to say about him. It would be a great misfortune to the country if he is given a 2nd. extension. Next about Mr. C.Krishna Rao. In what

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subject is he considered a specialist? Why should he get an extension for the 4th time? Is he inevitable? His retirement seems to have been ordered some two years ago. He is always at the heels of Mr. Nanjundaiya who is bent upon doing him a further favour before he retires, while the Dewan considers it an act of grace to say 'yes' to the proposal of his retiring friend. It is not known what other proposals the Govt. have made.

Will you, Dear Sir, take interest in the service of the country and see that undeserving officers are not kept on beyond their term so that the people may have some confidence that H.H. The Maharaja takes personal interest in their affairs and does not merely nod his assent to whatever the Dewan may place before him?

Yours Sincerely,

A Loyal Mysorean.